

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 23, 2007

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roy Leban, Vice Chair Tom Flynn, Eva Moon, John Stilin, Latha Sambamurti, Kamal Siegel and Jill Krusinski

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Kay Tarapolsi

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Churchill, Recreation Program Manager; Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roy Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of December 14, 2006 were approved with following amendments:

- II & III – Change motions submitted by "Leban" to motions submitted by "Stilin."
- IV, A – Change "displayed" to "display."
- V, B – Change final sentence to read "She hoped the arts budget will not be cut in this budget."
- VIII, S – Change "resources" to "infrastructure."
- IX, A – Add "Pat, Performing Arts Committee Member."
- X, A – Change this paragraph to read "Discussed getting art in the lobby."

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of December 14, 2006 as submitted by: Eva Moon
Second by:
Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Change Performing Arts and Visual Arts to "Programming Committee."
- Intermission will be performed by Leban, not Flynn.
- Add Arts Day 2007 under the Administrative Committee.

Motion for approval of the RAC agenda of January 23, 2007 carried without objection.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Leban

No report.

B. Vice Chair Report - Flynn

No report.

V. STAFF REPORTS

B. ROS Curator - Yelanjian

Jess Van Nostrand was hired. Existing sculptures will be de-installed in early June and the new exhibit is planned for June.

C. Arts Maintenance - Yelanjian

Artech was awarded the contract.

D. Annual Report – Yelanjian

Moon made some suggestions to make it more visually appealing. The annual report will be posted on the website and will be mailed to local art agencies. They will also be distributed at the City Council meeting.

RAC volunteer hours must be reported to Yelanjian no later than January 26.

Motion to approve the Annual Report, pending corrections:

Commissioner: Moon

Second by: Krusinski

Motion Carried: 6-0

E. ROS Program – Churchill

Sambamurti brought up the idea of the former sculpture garden. Churchill reported that she is identifying new sites for sculptures.

VI. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

A. Performing Arts - Sambumurti

There were 262 audience members at the "Brothers from Different Mothers" show. It was a huge success, with excellent feedback from the attendees. Over \$2,000 in admissions was collected, which helped to offset the approximate \$3,000 in expenses. Special thanks to Jill Smith, Pat, Dorie and Jill Krusinski for all their help. Next Saturday's show will be "Children of the Revolution." Pat, Latha, Jill, Eva and Tom have all signed up as volunteers for the show. ***Volunteers are asked to be at the hall by 5:45 p.m.*** The show will begin at 7 p.m. The final show of the series will be on February 3. It is the Chinese Cultural Show. Volunteers for that show so far are Pat, John and Eva.

A special thank you to the new show sponsor, Mysore Masala, Indian Cuisine. They generously gave a \$700 sponsorship.

The performance called "All Four Limbs" was specially designed for the Redmond Arts Series.

B. City Hall Lobby Idea - Leban

Discussed placing art in the lobby.

VII. Restructure Committee - Stilin

This committee met and came up with some guidelines. Items discussed were:

- Each commissioner must serve on at least one committee
- Standing monthly meetings must occur at this point, however this may change in the future
- Defining membership
- How project teams should be performed

- Recruiting volunteers
- How to manage special issues

The Committee moved to form an executive committee, including a staff representative, to handle any special issues that arise and smooth out bumps in the restructure process. Their first task will be to look at the strategic plan to make sure that everything has been assigned to the appropriate committee. ***Once all this information is written up, Stilin will send it out to the original restructure committee for review.***

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Stilin

This committee will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will start on February 19th, however there may be a meeting held prior to get things going.

A. Arts Day - Moon

The Eastside Arts Coalition is going to Olympia on February 15 to meet with legislators. Their goal is to go and support the Washington State Arts Coalition. They are asking for support for the Washington State Arts Coalition. Moon and Yelanjian will be attending and have invited any other RAC members to come along. ***If interested, please notify Moon.***

Moon is also compiling a packet of information for the legislators. Churchill suggested that she use a paint can that says "Paint the Town Redmond" to coincide with the city marketing efforts. Moon will be including her CD in the packets. Other suggestions on what to include were made.

IX. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Moon

This committee meeting time will be the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., starting in February.

This committee discussed how infrastructure is everything that you need to support the existence of programs. Programs are anything you want to provide to the community of Redmond. Action items for this committee's next meeting include:

- Completing mission statement
- Prioritizing the goals in the strategic plan
- Formalizing membership

Moon started a blog to get ideas on what other places are doing to support the arts. The blog address is: communityarts.wordpress.com.

Coffee Breaks are social meetings to discuss art and are not related to RAC.

INTERMISSION

Leban displayed his paintings and design work. He also distributed a New York Times crossword puzzle he wrote.

X. Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair

These are courtesy nominations. Official nominations will occur before the vote.

A. Chair

Siegel nominated Krusinski, however she declined. Flynn nominated himself. He stated that he has been on RAC for two years and has spent one year as vice chair. He has been involved in agenda planning and has a good idea of how the committees function. His goal would be to continue collaborative work with the staff and RAC. He would like to help the strategic plan to move forward, while staying focused on the mission. He is also interested in Redmond City politics and would like to be involved with the change in the city through RAC. He really enjoys the group and would like to be their facilitator.

B. Vice Chair

Sambamurti nominated Stilin and he accepted. Stilin stated that he would like the experience of being vice chair. He feels that he would work well with Flynn and would compliment Flynn's strengths. He is excited about the changes and the evolution in the group. He has the time and has experience doing this sort of thing.

Chair Lebanon posed the question if commissioner terms should be extended to 13 months for this term only to allow the terms to line up with commissioner appointments. After this year, the commissioner terms would return to 12 months, starting April 1 and ending March 31. ***Churchill asked that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting so she can research the background for RAC terms and see if she can uncover a reason for why they were set up as they are.***

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Building Meeting - Siegel

The first meeting was held on this topic. The committee members met with the architect, the artist, a community member and a youth representative.

Chruchill, Yelanjian, Flynn, and a staff from Public Works were all present. They looked at the plans and narrowed possibilities for places for art. They chose the outside walls of the Public Safety building and are looking at using tile, mosaic and metal art. They will also put in hardware for future placement of art. Grasslawn will be discussed at a future meeting. Flynn and Siegel are the representatives for both Grasslawn and the Public Safety Buildings.

B. % For Art Fund – Churchill

The staff will meet to brainstorm ideas for this fund.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Flynn.

Second by: Commissioner Krusinski

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:
February 8, 2007
Old Redmond School House Community Center
7:00 p.m.**

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: January 23, 2007

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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